

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: July 29, 2016

### **Yard of the Week**

This week the Yard of the Week is located at 1625 Daugherty Avenue. This yard has some amazing potted flowers. We have passed the halfway point in the 2016 Yard of the Week season. Time is running short to identify those great looking yards in the community. Be sure to contact City Hall or the Chamber of Commerce with your nominations for Yard of the Week.

### **Youth Advisory Council**

The Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council will be meeting on Monday to complete the final report for their Youth Tobacco Elimination Project Grant from the American Red Cross.

### **Symphony Thank You**

Last week the community hosted the Eugene Symphony and I want to thank everyone that helped make this year's concert a tremendous success. Thank you to: The Cottage Grove Police Department and Public Works crew for all the sweat and heavy lifting they did before and after the event; Trudy, Melissa and other staff that copied, ordered and accounted for all the little pieces that had to come together (including those that glued programs together); Amanda and Mark for setting up lighting; to Faye and Bruce Stewart for all the beautiful tables, lights and the park to be in; Christina and Rhonda for organizing the tables; the Cottage Grove Community Band for their spectacular performance; all the donors – for tables, buttons and raffle; the railroad engineer that laid lightly on the horn and slowed down after seeing the crowd in the amphitheater; Gary and the Cottage Grove Sentinel for printing the program; and everyone else who helped or attended the concert. I am sure I am missing someone who helped. From the list it is evident that the concert was a community event.

We received a thank you from the Symphony and they are looking forward to coming to Cottage Grove again next year. They were really impressed with the support from the community. They reported that 150 people visited the Instrument Petting Zoo.

### **90 Years Old and Still a Classic**

The 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the classic film "The General" will be held in Bohemia Park on Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Make plans to attend this once in a lifetime event. The celebration begins at 7:30 pm with entertainment from silent film organists from Utah; Blaine Gale, Hunter Hale and Richard Hale. At about 8:30 the Cottage Grove Historical Society will share a portion of, "A Snapshot In Time" (the Morelock films) which document life in Cottage Grove in the late 1930's. The black and white films will set the stage for the official showing of "The General" which will start about 9:00 pm. "The General" will be accompanied live by a special score composed by Oregon Composer Mark Orton for this 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

The 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration is being organized in partnership with the Hollywood Theater in Portland and the Oregon Film office. The Hollywood Theater is celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. After the showing in Portland and Cottage Grove “The General” and a recorded score will be performed at a number of historic theaters around the state.

### **Train Show**

On Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> the Cottage Grove Armory will be filled with the clickety-clack of model trains running on their steel rails. The train show will be conducted by the Willamette Cascades Model Railroad Club and it promises to be the largest model train show in Lane County with model trains of nearly every size. Even Thomas the Train will be there. The hours of the show in the Cottage Grove Armory will be 10:00 am to 8:00 pm on Friday and Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> and 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. This will be fun for all ages.

### **Webinar**

The City Manager, Community Development Director, City Planner, Main Street Coordinator and Chamber Executive Director participated in a webinar hosted by the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) on Revitalizing Retail. The webinar shared ideas on how to develop and improve existing retail opportunities in the community and how to recruit and encourage new retail developments.

### **City/County Insurance (CIS) Visit**

The City Manager met with Senior Risk Management Consultant, Dunny Sorenson from CIS this week. They discussed current risk management practices and reviewed the City’s experience ratings and discussed opportunities to improve the City’s experience rating and reduce our exposure. They also briefly discussed changes occurring in risk management and possible legislative changes on the horizon.

### **Street Striping**

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, City streets with traffic control striping, were restriped by Lane County. The City contracts with Lane County each year to restripe City streets. This work is generally performed in one or two nights each year between 5:00 pm and 4:00 am. In addition to the street striping, the Public Works Utilities Crew has made arrangements with a private contractor to restripe the parking lot at Middlefield Golf Course. This work will also include the repainting of the handicap parking spaces, as well as, the pedestrian crossings and speed bumps on Village Drive. In addition, the Middlefield Home Owner’s Association may piggy-back on this job to have their parking lot, located behind the Association’s community center, restriped.

### **Second Annual Emergency Preparedness Fair – August 13<sup>th</sup>**

The City of Cottage Grove is getting ready for the second annual Emergency Preparedness Fair on Saturday, **August 13<sup>th</sup>** from **11:00 am to 3:00 pm** at the Cottage Grove Community Hospital, 1515 Village Drive. It brings together a host of first responders and organizations providing information and giveaways focused around emergency preparedness and personal safety. At the event will be a bouncy house, a raffle to win a 72 hour disaster supply kit, FREE Big Stuff BBQ sandwich with a completed passport, Life Flight helicopter and emergency vehicle displays, and much more.

## **Pacific Northwest Preservation School August 21<sup>st</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>**

The Pacific Northwest Preservation Field School, in its 22<sup>nd</sup> year, is working at Mt. Rainier National Park during the month of August on a variety of projects with many learning opportunities for anyone interested in the field of historic preservation and hands on craft training.

Specifically, space is available for participation during Sessions 3 and 4: August 21-26 and August 28 - September 2 at Longmire where they will be working with a cottage built in 1937 by the Civilian Conservation Corp. Projects will include carpentry repair to the foundation sill and lower portions of the building, wood window rehab, other carpentry detail repair and restoration, and siding rehabilitation.

Staff includes a professional craftsman working within the National Parks system, professionals in the fields of architecture, art history, historic preservation, and material science, and instructors like Emeritus professor Don Peting from the Architecture department, and Shannon Sardell, who currently teaches in the Historic Preservation Program while also maintaining an architectural practice emphasizing historical architecture.

There are opportunities to tour other points of interest in the region with planned tours at Paradise Lodge, the new Paradise visitor center, current construction projects, and regional interpretive centers.

If you are interested, please see further information at: [www.hp.uoregon.edu/pnwfs](http://www.hp.uoregon.edu/pnwfs) where you can apply for 2 academics per week of participation. Please also feel free to contact Director Shannon Sardell at [ssardell@uoregon.edu](mailto:ssardell@uoregon.edu)

## **Restore Oregon's Preservation Toolkit Available Online**

Restore Oregon's Preservation Toolkit offers a guide to the process and decisions that need to be made when approaching the restoration and reuse of a historic building. The toolkit can be applied to small-to-medium commercial properties, homes, barns, and other types of structures.

The toolkit is available for free online at: [restoreoregon.org/preservation-toolkit](http://restoreoregon.org/preservation-toolkit) and was supported by grants from the Oregon Cultural Trust, The Oregon Community Foundation, and Pacific Power.

### *Quote of the Week*

*“Your talent determines what you can do. Your motivation determines how much you are willing to do. Your attitude determines how well you do it.”*

*~Lou Holtz~*